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- (2) We made and conceived the invention described and claimed in U.S. application Serial No. 09/942,842, filed in the United States of America on August 31, 2001, and entitled "METHOD OF TREATING LARGE SCALE STRUCTURAL BODY".
- (3) We made and conceived this invention while employed by Hitachi, Ltd. The invention is related to work that we are employed to perform and was made within the scope of our employment duties. The invention was made during working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, material, funds, information, and services of Hitachi, Ltd.
- (4) To the best of our knowledge and belief, the invention

was not made or conceived in the course of, or in connection with, or under the terms of any contract, sub-contract, or arrangement entered into with or for the benefit of the United States Atomic Energy Commission or its successors: Energy Research and Development Administration or the Department of Energy.

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